

# BANDIT CAUGHT IN \$1,000 STORE HOLDUP

## FINNS REPORT 500 RUSSIANS KILLED TODAY

Much Booty Taken As Soviet  
Troops Are Turned Back  
on Three Fronts.

**HELSINKI, Feb. 5**— Finnish troops northeast of Lake Ladoga killed more than 500 Russian soldiers and captured much booty in repulsing three new Russian attacks, the Finnish army declared in today's communiqué.

Two of the Russian attacks were against island positions, the third was against shore positions on the lake, the communiqué said.

"Our troops captured another enemy stronghold, killing the majority of the defenders," the communiqué continued. "The enemy dead numbered over 500. Seven tanks, four guns, large quantities of other arms, more than 30 automobiles of various types and other war materials fell into our hands."

The Finns said that Russian attacks also were repulsed at Summa, on the Karelian isthmus in the extreme southeast, and at Marjajärvi, in the north near the Arctic circle.

## GOT RESULTS



Sondra "Bunny" Glatf, 7, writes letter to President Roosevelt thanking him for mailbox put up near her house in Newark, N. J. The little girl had written the President explaining the mailbox was too far from her home. The postoffice soon remedied the situation. (International News Photo.)

## SENATE SETS HEARINGS ON FARM PROGRAM

New Proposal Designed To  
Dispose of Surpluses  
and Raise Prices.

**By The Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON, Feb. 5**—Hearings will open soon before a senate agriculture subcommittee on a bill which, its advocates declare, would dispose of surpluses and give the farmer "parity" prices without appropriations on major products sold in the domestic market.

Known variously as the "Sioux City plan," the "Gillette-Harrington plan" and the "parity tariff plan," the bill (S. 2481) was introduced last May by Senators Burke (D-Neb.) and Gillette (D-Ia.). Representative Harrington (D-Ia.) introduced a companion bill (H. B. 8159) in the house.

The plan would apply to wheat, corn, oats, cotton, sugar and tobacco, and could be extended by the secretary of agriculture to cover rye, barley and rice.

**Important Provisions:**

1. Rejection of soil conservation policy, but abandonment of the crop reduction feature of the present farm program.
2. Government purchase at parity prices of basic crops in excess of current domestic needs plus a 35 per cent reserve. The government could place its purchases in a reserve for bad crop years, sell them in world markets at world prices, sell them to domestic industries at competitive prices for conversion into fuel alcohols and other chemical products, or distribute them to the needy.
3. Collections of a fee in all imports of foreign farm products and substitutes, to bring the landed price of imports up to the domestic parity price plus transportation. The purpose of the fee is to maintain parity prices in the United States market.
4. Government loans on co-operatively stored dairy products, fruit, vegetable and root crops, dressed poultry and poultry products.
5. Allocations of 30 per cent of federal excise receipts to cover costs of operation.

The plan would be administered by the secretary of agriculture through the Commodity Credit Corp. Capital would be furnished by the Intermediate Credit Bank.

Economists for the raw materials national council, Sioux City, say that farm income, factory payrolls and national income bear the approximate relation of 1 to 1 to 2.

An increase in farm income, the economists declare, would result in a corresponding gain in industrial payrolls and a seven-fold increase in national income as the farmer's dollar filtered through the channels of trade.

Last year, despite a mild war stimulus and a \$218,000,000 appropriation of tax money for parity payments, farm prices were only about 75 per cent of parity.

## BRITISH NURSES OFF TO FINLAND



Princess Alice, the Countess of Athlone (center), reviews the first contingent of nurses in the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry as they prepare to leave London to take up nursing duties in Finland.

## PARTY DEFICIT IS WIPED OUT BY DEMOCRATS

Jackson Day Dinners Bring  
in Half Million; Garner  
Cheered at Meeting.

**By The Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON, Feb. 5**—The Democratic national committee cheered the news today that a \$250,000 party deficit had been more than wiped out by more than \$400,000 in receipts from the recent Jackson day dinners.

The report was submitted by Oliver A. Quigley Jr., who said that additional collections probably would bring the Jackson day receipts to \$500,000—the largest sum the extra-fare dinners have ever yielded.

Quigley's report led to an adoption of a resolution authorizing Chairman James A. Farley to make him treasurer, instead of acting treasurer.

The committee was meeting to select a convention city and possibly a date.

**Garner Cheered**  
Vice President Garner, an avowed presidential candidate, exchanged greetings with numerous communitarians. There was a sprinkling of applause when Garner answered the roll call, and the Texan, seated on the rostrum arose and bowed slightly.

Indications were that selection of the convention date would be left to a subcommittee after the Republicans chose theirs at a meeting here Feb. 18. Speculation on the Democratic date ranged from mid-July to early September, depending largely on the Republican decision.

Opening of bids for the convention city was on the afternoon program, following a routine morning session to be addressed by National Chairman James A. Farley.

The All-Philadelphia Citizens committee offered \$125,000 to cover the Democratic again to the city of brotherly love.

William J. Kelly, vice president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, kept Chicago's financial offer a secret.

**Keeps Offer Secret**  
San Francisco also kept quiet in advance about their bid but were reported trying to raise between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Third term sentiment was noted among many of the national communitarians and communitarians from the 48 states and the territories, particularly in the western groups.

Mr. Roosevelt was at his home in Hyde Park, N. Y. He will return tomorrow to greet the committee in a group after all the business is over and when individual questions will be out of order.

## ROBBER CAPTURED



ROBERT HOFFMAN  
Shown as he was photographed at police station after arrest.

## CROWD SEES CAPTURE MADE BY POLICEMAN

Employees Sound Alarm As  
Gunman Robs Manager  
of J. C. Penney Co.

Surprised by a policeman as he was fleeing from the J. C. Penney Co. store with approximately \$1,000 loot, a 31-year-old armed bandit was arrested Saturday night on a charge of holding up Cutter A. McGrew, manager of the store.

The suspect, who gave his name as Robert Hoffman, and his address as Battle Creek, Mich., was disarmed and arrested by Patrolman Edward H. Hoffman of 335 Chestnut street as he stopped out of the store and menaced a crowd of bystanders with a pistol he had used in the holdup a moment before. Police said Hoffman, an ex-convict, offered no resistance either at the time of the arrest or when asked to sign a confession later in the evening.

Hoffman pleaded guilty to an armed robbery charge at arraignment before Municipal Judge Warren this afternoon and was bound over to the county grand jury under \$5,000 bond. He was unable to furnish bond and was taken to the county jail.

Quick action on the part of several store employees and Patrolman Hoffman were credited by police today for Hoffman's capture.

The robbery occurred in the office of the store shortly before 8:30 p. m. Although the store was crowded at the time, few of the customers realized that a hold-up was being staged until the bandit was leaving.

Mr. McGrew said he was waiting on a customer on the main floor of the store when the cashier, Miss Christine Hoff of 248 Belmont avenue, called to him and told that a man wanted to see him in the office, which is located on the balcony at the front of the store.

**Insures About Account**  
When Mr. McGrew went to the office, the man laid a quantity of change down on a desk and told Mr. McGrew he wanted to pay his bill.

Mr. McGrew said he was surprised at the statement since the store has no charge accounts except those of governmental agencies and asked him "You want to pay your bill? What bill?"

At this point, Hoffman quickly stepped behind him, pulled a .38 caliber pistol from an overcoat pocket and shoved it against his ribs. Motioning to a white cloth sack which had been placed on the desk before Mr. McGrew, Hoffman ordered:

"Will that sack up. Don't try to pull anything. There are three of us and we mean business."

Miss Hoff was ordered to "keep on working like nothing was wrong" and Mr. McGrew was instructed to walk quietly across the office to the cash drawer. Hoffman followed him, keeping his gun pressed against his back, Mr. McGrew said.

When they reached the cash drawer, Hoffman again ordered Mr. McGrew to "fill up the sack" and while Mr. McGrew was following this command Hoffman filled his pockets with change which had been placed in the drawer in paper roll containers.

**Employees Call Police**  
It was during this phase of the holding that employees on the floor working on the main floor became aware that a robbery was in progress and swung into action.

C. W. McCormick of 534 Summit street, assistant manager, was one of the first to observe the holdup. He went out the front door of the store and ran to the corner of Center and Prospect streets where he found Patrolman Hoffman, shouting "Robbery!" and informed him of the robbery.

At about the same time three other employees, Mrs. Frank Baum of 157 Homer street, Harold Phillips of 700 Waples street and Francis Fairchild of the Richmond Pike also notified that Mr. McGrew was being held up. Mr. Baum notified the police station over a phone on the main floor of the store. Mr. Fairchild ran out a side door to call police and Mr. Phillips started to lock the outside doors to delay the bandit's escape.

Mr. McGrew said he noticed that several of the employees on the main floor were aware that something was wrong in the office and that he "stalled" as much as possible in emptying the contents of the cash drawer.

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## SUSPECTS HELD IN OHIO DEATHS

One Admits Killing Couple  
and Burning Home To  
Conceal Crime.

**By The Associated Press**  
**WEST UNION, O., Feb. 5**—Holding one confession involving two robbery-slayings, authorities arrested a second suspect today and sought to determine if the pair had any connection with a third death, recorded as accidental.

The air attacks continued today and an official announcement said Swedish ambulances were struck but damage was negligible and there were no casualties among the ambulance workers.

The night attacks, phase of intensifying Soviet air warfare, have developed during an unrelenting Red army land offensive which, so far, has found the Mannerheim line impregnable.

In another futile attempt to break through Karelian isthmus defenses at Summa, 20 miles south of Viipuri, Finns said yesterday, the Russians lost more than 1,000 men. "Heavy" Soviet losses also were reported at Mualajärvi, on the front.

Two of Finland's main cities, meanwhile, were hard hit by Russian air raiders. Bomb-ignited fires burned through the night in the report of Turku and in Viipuri, a city of about 73,000 population at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

**Bomb at Random**  
For the past few nights, Red army planes have been flying far behind the Finnish lines. Finns, charging the Russians bombed at random on these nights, reported one of the heaviest raids last night on villages and farms near Lake Saimaa.

"Little do our neighbors understand us if they think what is happening will cause us into submission," declared one Finnish editor. "It is possible it will only make us fight harder."

Among the buildings reduced to ruins at Viipuri was the city's 15th century cathedral, famed for its stained glass windows, art treasures and one of the largest organs in Europe.

Although Finland's air force attempted to combat the invading fleet and was reported to have shot down 11 planes, wave after wave of Russian bombers droned across the Finnish interior over the week-end. The Finns reported 10 civilians killed and 50 wounded Friday, but total casualties were not known.

## Marion Youths Leap to Safety as Train Hits Auto

Thomas M. Large, 18, of 890  
Bennett street and Andy  
Stapleton, 20, of 623 Herman  
street escaped uninjured today  
when they jumped from an  
automobile in which they were  
riding a moment before it was  
struck by a New York Central  
passenger train at the Barn-  
hart street crossing at 2:30 p. m.

## Employment In Marion Factories Up Two Per Cent

Employment in nine representative Marion factories was listed at 31 1/2 per cent of normal for January in the monthly business statistics bulletin received by Chamber of Commerce members today. The percentage estimate, made by the Chamber, was two per cent more than December's. A total of 3,814 persons were listed on the rolls of the nine factories.

## \$223 Is Sent By Marion County to Finnish Aid Fund

A draft for \$223.92, Marion county's first for Finnish relief, was mailed Saturday to the Finnish Relief Fund headquarters on Lexington avenue in New York City by George E. Planck, Marion county chairman of the relief drive.

## C. M. BUCHER DIES OF SUDDEN ILLNESS

Charles M. Bucher, 70, of 144 Garden street, former Erie railroad employee and a Spanish-American war veteran, died suddenly about 10:45 a. m. today in the Union Bus station on East Center street where he had stopped and was talking with employees.

## Farley Sees Independent Vote Biggest Problem

**By The Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON, Feb. 5**—Chairman James A. Farley told the Democratic national committee today that the party's biggest job was to win over some 10,000,000 independent voters "who will cast their ballots for the best candidates and the best program that is offered."

## COUGHLIN OFF AIR, MYSTERY DEEPENS

**By The Associated Press**  
**DETROIT, Feb. 5**—The unexpected failure of Rev. Charles E. Coughlin to deliver his usual Sunday broadcast provided a mystery today for church and radio officials as well as for his followers.

## TEMPERATURES

Observer Battenbergers Report  
(For period between 8 a. m. yesterday and 8 a. m. today.)  
Maximum Yesterday 28  
Minimum Yesterday 20  
Barometer 29  
Weather Partly Cloudy  
Snowfall 2 inches  
One Year Ago Today 39  
Mar/22m Minimum 14

## RELIEF ROLLS HERE RISE 37 PER CENT

Shift from WPA Sends Case  
Load to 690.

Marion's relief rolls were up 37 per cent over the December level and still rising today as city officials continued their search for funds.

Relief Director Frank S. Burns said today that the relief case load for January was 690 cases, compared with 503 for December, and that it appears February will show another increase. A large part of the increase has come in a shift of WPA workers to direct relief following the shutdown of some WPA projects due to inclement weather.

Meanwhile, the defeat at the polls last Tuesday of the two special levies which city officials hoped to finance relief and WPA costs for the next two years has left the city in a quandary.

Mayor Snare reported today that City Solicitor Kenneth A. Robinson is making a study of the means open to the city for raising relief money. The mayor said he expects to have a definite information on the city's future course by the last of the week.

## FIRE DESTROYS BARN NEAR MT. VICTORY

**Special to The Star**  
**MT. VICTORY, O., Feb. 5**—Fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at \$150,000 Saturday night when it destroyed a large barn on the Beryl Wallace farm one and one-half miles west of Mt. Victory. The barn collapsed as the family drove into the driveway after spending the evening in Mt. Victory.

## GOVERNMENT POLICY CRITICIZED BY A.F.L.

**By The Associated Press**  
**MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 5**—Sharp criticism of the national government's industrial and social economy policies of the past seven years was contained today in a statement issued here by a group of American Federation of Labor leaders.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A GOOD SIX-ROOM HOUSE IN LA RUE?

If you would, the advertiser under Classification 43 is offering one for sale. This house has an extra lot, good cistern, well, and is located close to the school. This house is priced reasonable and will make a good buy if you are interested.

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## Beware of "Voice"

on 'Phone', Warner  
C. of C. Bulletin

"Beware of the persuasive voice," the Chamber of Commerce warned Marionettes today. The warning, following recent instances where out-of-town promoters have made considerable profit from entertainments at other "charity" events here, was contained in a bulletin to members.

"If, by telephone, you are harrassed to buy tickets to some event or give to some charity chances are it's a professional promoter getting a fat rake-off for his efforts," Louis E. Michel, secretary of the Chamber, advised.

"Ask him for full details by mail and not by messenger, including just what 'cuts' or commissions are allowed promoters and salesmen.

"Or better still, ask him to give you his telephone number and call the Chamber of Commerce immediately.

"Chances are 10 to 1 the persuasive voice will do neither. He won't risk defrauding anyone through use of the mails. And he won't risk revealing his whereabouts."

## MARION COUNTY REA ANNUAL MEETING SET

**Directors To Be Elected at  
Feb. 13 Meeting in Armory.**

Annual meeting of the Marquette Rural Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday night, Feb. 13, at 8 o'clock.

The meeting, at which directors will be elected for the year, will be for all members and the families. As an added feature, dealers will show 1940 appliances.

Two members of the utilization division of the field staff, Ma Bernice Smith and W B Nivison will be present. A film on the

The meeting will be in charge of Foster Davidson, president

the cooperative. After the meeting there will be a social time and refreshments.

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# Today and Tomorrow

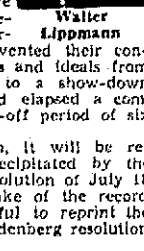
U. S. Position As Result of Abrogation  
of Treaty With Japan Discussed.

By WALTER LIPPMANN

ON JAN. 26, when our treaty  
relations with Japan came to  
an end, we crossed the Rubicon  
which separates diplomacy that  
relies on legal argument from  
diplomacy in which measures,  
actual or threatened, become part  
of the discussion. The country,  
apparently, has not yet under-  
stood how serious this is; for nothing  
spectacular has happened  
since Jan. 26.

Nevertheless, the situation in  
the Pacific is changed. Not  
only have Japan and the United  
States taken positions that are  
exceedingly difficult to recon-  
cile but there has been re-  
moved the barrier which prevented their  
conflict of interests and ideals from  
being brought to a show-down  
until there had elapsed a com-  
pulsory cooling-off period of six  
months.

This situation, it will be re-  
called, was precipitated by the  
Vandenberg resolution of July 18  
last. For the sake of the record  
it may be useful to reprint the  
text of the Vandenberg resolution  
(Res. 100).



Walter Lippmann

"Resolved, That it is the sense  
of the senate that the government  
of the United States should  
give Japan the six months' notice  
required by the treaty of 1911 for  
its abrogation, so that the gov-  
ernment of the United States may  
be free to deal with Japan in  
the formulation of a new treaty  
and in the protection of Ameri-  
can interests as new necessities  
may require.

"Resolved further, That it is  
the sense of the senate that the  
government of the United States  
should ask that the conference  
of Brussels of 1937, now in re-  
cess, should be reassembled to  
determine, pursuant to the ex-  
press provisions of the Nine-  
Power Treaty of Washington of  
1922, whether Japan has been  
and is violating said treaty, and  
to recommend the appropriate  
course to be pursued by the sig-  
natories."

This resolution, as Senator Van-  
denberg points out and as every  
one knows, was not approved by  
the senate committee on foreign  
affairs. But a canvass of the  
committee showed that it was  
favorable to the sense of the  
resolution, and a few days later  
the state department served the  
notice of abrogation upon Japan.  
Senator Vandenberg publicly ap-  
plauded the action and was widely  
praised in the newspapers for  
having taken a strong line.

The Vandenberg resolution is  
still the most concise statement  
available of the policy which led  
to the present situation. The  
reader will note that the resolu-  
tion contains two parts, the first  
calling for the abrogation of the  
commercial treaty of 1911, the  
second for collective action to up-  
hold the Nine-Power Treaty of  
1922.

Now, it must be remembered  
that the American dispute with  
Japan does not turn on the mat-

ters covered by the commercial  
treaty of 1911. There was no need  
to abrogate that treaty as such.  
The dispute turns on the political  
treaty of 1922 which Japan has  
violated. If Senator Vandenberg's  
resolution had any meaning, it  
meant that the commercial treaty  
should be abrogated in order to  
induce Japan to negotiate about  
the political treaty. Everybody  
knows that this is what it meant.  
This is what the state department  
meant when it acted on the sense  
of the Senator's resolution.

To this action on our part Mr.  
Arita, the foreign minister, re-  
plied this week in a speech to the  
Japanese Diet. Mr. Arita's lan-  
guage is moderate and courteous.  
But his position is uncompromis-  
ing in that he is unwilling even  
to consider the possibility that the  
United States or any of the other  
signatories of the Nine-Power  
Treaty, has any right to be heard  
on the question of the territorial  
integrity and political independ-  
ence of China. He assures us that  
Japan has completed and consoli-  
dated her dominion in China,  
Americans will be permitted to  
trade in China. But in a polite and  
uncompromising way, he tells us  
know that we cannot even discuss  
the conquest of China or the Jap-  
anese empire which is being  
founded by that conquest.

Our Position  
This leaves us in a position  
which may, I think, be defined as  
follows: We have ended our com-  
mercial treaty relations with  
Japan in order to induce Japan,  
under the pressure which we are  
now legally free to apply, to agree  
that the substance of the Nine-  
Power Treaty of 1922 is negoti-  
able. We are not insisting on the  
letter of the treaty but upon our  
right to negotiate about it. Of  
the other signatories besides Jap-  
an and the United States, one is  
China herself. The other six are  
Great Britain and France which  
are at war in Europe, another is  
Italy which has recognized Jap-  
an's conquest, the others are  
small European neutrals. Thus we  
find ourselves engaged in a two-  
power dispute with Japan over  
the substance of a nine-power  
treaty. Whether or not this was  
foreseen, intended last July by  
Senator Vandenberg, the senate  
committee, and by the state de-  
partment, this is the consequence.

It is a situation in which none  
of the alternatives is agreeable.  
What we should like to do, of  
course, is to wait until a victory  
of the Allies in Europe makes it  
possible for the British and  
French to return to the Far East  
and thus to reestablish a prelat-  
ent basis for a general negotiation.  
But the Japanese see this even  
more clearly than we do, and,  
therefore, it is the highest degree  
unlikely that they will allow  
things to drag along until the end  
of the European war. If the Allies  
are going to win, the Japanese  
must be so firmly established in  
China that they cannot be dis-  
lodged except by a war for which  
the Allies even as victors, will  
have no stomach. If the Allies  
are going to lose, or are going to  
fail to win, the Japanese must ex-  
ploit the opportunity which they  
would find in the catastrophic anarchy  
that would then exist all over the  
world.

## Forecast on Bombings

Flier Thinks London, Paris, Berlin Won't Be Attacked.

By JAMES L. KILGALLAN

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5.—  
Dick Merrill, world famous  
flier, doubts that the bombing of  
London, Paris and Berlin over  
will be attempted because the  
results obtained would not com-  
pensate for the heavy loss of  
planes. He bases his opinion on  
what his friends, the foreign  
pilots, tell him.

In the peaceful setting of a  
Miami Beach cabana, Merrill, who  
flew the Atlantic with Harry  
Richman in 1936, and again with  
coronation pictures in 1937,  
talked war—and what the inter-  
national fraternity of birdmen are  
saying about it.



Dick Merrill

"It would be just as easy for  
the English to bomb Berlin as  
for the Germans to bomb Lon-  
don," said Merrill. "I'm told this  
is one of the things holding the  
Germans back.

"Both sides are now too evenly  
matched in the air, for another  
reason. And those directing the  
war knew that the bombing of  
London, Paris or Berlin would set  
off the fuse that would put a great  
part of Europe in shambles."

French Pilot Studies Planes  
Merrill disclosed that he had  
flown Jean Zeiger, French test  
pilot, to Miami. It is understood  
Zeiger is in this country to test  
the fastest purchasable planes for  
the French government. Only a  
month ago Zeiger accompanied a  
squadron of 27 pursuit ships  
which went over the enemy lines  
to covey a French photographic  
ship.

"The first ship shot down was  
the photographic ship," said Mer-  
rill. "That shows that the present  
type bomber hasn't a chance with  
the fast pursuit ship in day-time  
activities when visibility is good.  
It is almost impossible to convey  
the comparatively slow bombers."

Merrill declared that as long as  
the Allies and the Germans are  
evenly matched in the air as they  
are today, he doesn't look for the  
war to be won in the air.

"I can't understand why the  
Germans haven't tried to bomb  
England's shipyards and aircraft  
factories," he said. "They have the  
airplanes. They must be short of  
gasoline.

Telling how advantages are  
shifting back and forth between

"Fire power, I am told by  
Zeiger, is the greatest thing now.  
That means armament. The  
French claim their cannon is  
superior to the Germans but that  
the German machine guns are bet-  
ter. The fastest British ships have  
comparatively little fire power.

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## Scott's Scrapbook



A TREE ON STILTS—SUPPORTS  
ITSELF IN THE SOFT SOIL ON ROOTS  
SPREAD WIDE APART—BORNEO



LESS THAN ONE PERSON IN THREE IN  
THE WORLD IS WHITE!

## It's a Question of Oil

Europe's Latest Mixup Starts and Ends with Petroleum.

IT IS more than wishful think-  
ing that makes oil men speak  
of their commodity as an essen-  
tial of modern life, in a class  
with food and shelter. If they  
doubled oil's vital importance,  
tremendous pressure being exerted  
in the Balkans, specifically Rumania,  
would dispel their doubts.

An almost comic opera melee  
of petroleum, horses, the Russian  
bear and the Nazi swastika has  
developed over Balkan control—  
and Rumanian oil. The European  
mixup starts and ends with plain  
petroleum. The situation shapes  
up like this:

Rumanian oil fields are among  
the richest in the world, pro-  
ducing about 7,000,000 metric  
tons of oil annually, most of  
which goes to various European  
countries unable to produce oil  
for their own needs. Before out-  
break of war, the oil was distrib-  
uted under a quota system. Of a  
total of 4,500,000 tons marked for  
export, Germany got 1,000,000,  
Britain 500,000 and France 250,  
000.

Since hostilities started, these  
three major customers have been  
moving heaven and earth to  
change the arrangement. Ger-  
many wants more oil. The allies  
want Germany to get less oil,  
realizing that the mechanized  
army of the reich will be par-  
alyzed without oil. Representatives  
of all interested parties are  
crowding on King Carol of  
Rumania to influence his de-  
cision. The dilemma in which the  
king has been thrust becomes  
more complicated when it is con-  
sidered that Rumanian oil de-  
velopment is largely controlled by  
British, French and American  
capital and management.

While Germans threaten to  
ride roughshod over Rumania  
and get all it isn't given to  
them. Britain and France use  
an economic threat to stiffen King  
Carol's backbone. There is a real  
possibility that British and French  
gasoline from Rumania may find  
its way into tanks and planes try-  
ing to break the Maginot line,  
unless King Carol's pro-ally lean-  
ings are bolstered sufficiently to  
make him tell the Nazis to go to  
blazes.

As to oil's relationship with  
horses and the Russian bear, it is  
recalled that one of the things  
Germany hoped to get from the  
Soviet when friendly relations  
were established last August was  
oil. Russia, at peace, would be  
able to furnish oil for Germany  
at war. But Russia did not re-  
main at peace.

It reached westward to crush  
Finland in a bear hug. It re-  
ached with a highly mechanized  
army, furthermore—an army that  
requires lots of oil. But the  
odd thing about it is that Russia  
probably could have done better  
had it relied on horses, instead of  
the internal combustion engine.

The Finns have been doing very  
well indeed by relying on horses.  
But the question is: Does Rus-  
sia have enough horses to rely on  
any more? Its horse population  
has dropped something like 50  
percent during the last 25 years  
while it has been pinning its  
hopes for progress on tractors.  
Now, however, Russia is fighting  
a war where horses are urgently  
needed; and with horses being  
taken away from farms for use  
in the army, reliance for farm  
work will have to be placed in-  
creasingly upon tractors. Trac-  
tors need oil. Therefore, it seems  
highly improbable Russia will be  
able to spare oil for Germany,  
which may explain why Germany  
is desperately trying to get more  
oil from Rumania.

It is plainly evident the reich  
cannot undertake a major of-  
fensive movement, which would  
call for full use of airplanes, tanks  
and trucks without an adequate  
supply of oil on hand and com-  
plete assurance of sources to re-  
plenish the supply. Airplanes, for  
instance, use not only gasoline but  
large quantities, but particular  
kinds of gasoline not obtainable  
in quantities. Those tremen-  
dously fast bombers that Gen.  
Goering has promised will terror-

## By R. J. Scott



Do You KNOW  
YOUR DOGS?  
NATIVE OF A NEARBY  
ISLAND, WITH HIS PICTURE  
ON HIS POSTAGE STAMPS,  
THIS LARGE DOG (USUALLY  
ALL BLACK) IS NOTED FOR  
HIS RESCUE OF TIRED  
SWIMMERS—  
(ANSWER BELOW)

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LESS THAN ONE PERSON IN THREE IN  
THE WORLD IS WHITE!

## From News of Other Years

TEN YEARS AGO

It was Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1930.  
Dr. O. C. Stephenson was in-  
stalled as president of the Central  
Ohio Dental society in its annual  
meeting at Hotel Harding.  
William Howard Taft, III, at his  
home in Washington, was report-  
ed slightly improved.  
John D. Rockefeller Sr., nearing  
his ninety-first birthday anniver-  
sary, gave out one of his rare in-  
terviews to a newspaper corre-  
spondent at Ormond Beach, Fla.,  
talking to his interviewer at his  
winter home and on the golf links.  
He said he "never felt better," and  
commenting on the economic sit-  
uation resulting from the 1929  
market collapse, remarked, "We  
have to be patient. We have got  
to cut expenses. Business will con-  
tinue to improve but we must be  
patient."

Miss Dorothy Blake was chosen  
queen for the May festival at  
Harding High school and Miss Ula  
McNamara was named maid of  
honor. Both were members of the  
senior class. The queen was elec-  
ted by sophomore and junior girls  
and by senior girls who were in  
the school gym classes.  
Robert Millisor of LaRue won  
first place in a state oratorical  
contest of farm youths held at  
Ohio State university.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

It was Thursday, Feb. 5, 1920.  
The fall of the German govern-  
ment with accompanying danger  
of bolshevism was predicted by  
the Berlin newspaper Vorwaerts  
as a result of the allies' demands  
for surrender of alleged German  
war criminals. The newspaper de-  
clared that if bolshevism should  
sweep Germany the allies would  
have no chance of securing execu-  
tion of their treaty terms.  
J. F. Fehl was elected president  
of the Independent Farmers' In-  
stitute at Morral.  
The Marion County Agricultural  
society meeting in the office of  
the secretary, J. H. Eymon, set  
Sept. 21-25 as the 1920 county  
fair dates and voted to raise the  
general admission price from 35  
cents to 50 cents.  
Dr. F. P. Leonard of Bucyrus  
was elected president of the Cen-  
tral Ohio Dental society in its  
eighty annual meeting, held at the  
Marion library building.  
Marion Lodge of Elks celebrated  
its 55th anniversary with a special  
past exalted rulers' night pro-  
gram. Past Exalted Ruler K. H.  
Marshall presided.  
A daughter was born to Mr. and  
Mrs. H. A. Bigford of Davids  
street.

## Thirty Years of Scouting

THIS week more than 1,300,000 boys and men  
actively enrolled in the Boy Scout organiza-  
tion are going to share their 30th birthday cele-  
bration with millions of well wishers.

War and chaos in other parts of the world  
have enhanced the prestige of the Boy Scout  
movement greatly. Americans realize that con-  
tinued existence of the United States along the  
lines determined by the nation's founders is  
going to throw heavy responsibility on tomor-  
row's citizens. They will need the training that  
organizations like the Boy Scouts are equipped  
to give them.

Thirty years of Boy Scout training have left  
their mark, but today the movement is stronger  
than it ever was before, assuring wider use-  
fulness in the next third of a century.

## Pshaw Now, Mr. Madden

A chairman of national labor relations board  
J. Warren Madden is expected to defend  
that organization, which is entirely as it should  
be. His countrymen expect him to be realistic—  
and that's as it should be too.

Mr. Madden has charged before the congres-  
sional committee investigating the board that  
National Association of Manufacturers is to  
blame for trouble stirred up by the labor act.  
His reasoning is ingenious. It is not honest,  
however, unless Mr. Madden has an overde-  
veloped talent for spoofing himself.

By causing resentment among employees, says  
Chairman Madden, the association caused them  
to start a wave of industrial strife. The resent-  
ment was caused by "inciting" employers to dis-  
obey the labor act, he explains.

If Mr. Madden will come out of his ivory  
tower in Washington for a tour of inspection  
where the people live he will find that em-  
ployers didn't need to be incited by National  
Association of Manufacturers to question the  
labor act. When they found out what was hap-  
pening they generated their own steam. He will  
find out that interpretations of the act were ex-  
plosive in their effect on a lot of otherwise  
placid citizens and that a lot of fingers got  
burned in the process of making adjustments.

The average employee didn't know anything  
more about the act, the labor board or the class  
warfare being promoted behind them than a  
pig knows about Christmas. Whatever wave of  
industrial strife got under way was stirred up  
by gentlemen with whom strife stirring is a  
specialty. Mr. Madden knows them by sight.  
The chairman of a government agency as im-  
portant as the labor board owes it to himself  
to be more realistic about the problems of his  
job than Mr. Madden has been.

## Pyrotechnician

WHEN John L. Lewis wound up the affairs  
of United Mine Workers and sent the dele-  
gates home tired but happy, he had garnered  
one triumph not on the convention program.

Mr. Lewis had propelled himself into a tie  
for first place in the national oratorical fire-  
works contest. Always a thunderer of renown,  
he simply had exceeded his own expectations in  
the convention.

His speech against President Roosevelt alone  
would have qualified him as co-champion, but  
he thundered also (against Labor Secretary  
Perkins) that the lady knew no more about  
economic problems "than a Hotentot about  
moral law." That clinched it.

This nifty deserves to be ranked with such  
former gems as "Gibbering political jackan-  
apes" (tossed at Alfred E. Smith) and "pusil-  
lunious ingrate" (William Green). Mr. Lewis  
has no peer when it comes to name-calling. If  
it weren't for Harold Ickes, secretary of the  
troubled interior, he'd have no equal, but Honest  
Harold's still a man for jabbing John to reckon  
with on the rostrum. What a lecture tour they  
could put on!

## Purity Item

OHIO State university spent less on legal  
assistance to athletes in the 1938-39 school  
year than any other Big Ten member, except  
one, and was at the bottom of the list the pre-  
ceding year. University of Chicago during the  
two school years spent more than any other  
Big Ten school.

Yet, Chicago's football fortunes sank so low  
this year that it dropped out of further com-  
petition in football while Ohio State was win-  
ning a conference championship. "This seems to  
dispose once and for all of the idea that suc-  
cessful football teams don't just happen, or  
does it?"

## With the Paraphraser

FEELINGS HURT.  
It is now the League of Indignations.—Tampa  
Tribune.

ALSO SURPRISED.  
Mr. Kipling would be interested in the rumor  
that the bear that walks like a man has his eyes  
on India.—Springfield Republican.

PRACTICALLY THE LIMIT.  
Optimists who pretend to believe the worst  
never happens will have some trouble classify-  
ing Stalin.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

## Ah Hollywood!

Picture Makers Strive To Show  
Evils of Capitalism but also Caution  
Thank Lucky Stars for It.

By DAMON RUNYON

IN Dave Chasen's restaurant out in H-  
wood one evening last winter, a movie  
director whose veracity we have no reason  
to doubt told us of a picture maker whose  
was planning a most sociable at a cost of  
to exceed 30 or 30 G's. She wanted  
platinum colored grass for her lawn.  
It seems her own grass was not of the  
sired lushness, and besides she was tired  
looking at green grass. The  
picture maker went looking  
everywhere but the local horti-  
cultivists, or grassers, all re-  
presenting to some extent the  
capitalistic system, said they  
could not fill the order. The  
lady had to use the old grass.

Now we do not say this in-  
dignity gets the first seeds of  
revolt in Hollywood, but it is  
undeniable that since that time  
picture makers have become  
the voice of the oppressed and  
down-trodden — that they are  
now striving to present cine-  
matic documents showing how the little peo-  
ple of the earth are pushed around by the  
talistic system.

In some pictures we have observed lo-  
we felt might have been allegoric of the  
lessness of the horticultivists in the mat-  
ter. In other words, the picture maker  
upon the capitalistic system, but accom-  
panied with a subtlety that offsets the argu-  
ment. The presentation of these documents is mo-  
less in the interests of capital, in that the  
ture makers vaguely hope for a small profit  
their documents—say a few paltry millions.

ALL right. But if the documents did no  
turn a profit, the capitalistic system  
represented by the stockholders in the pic-  
ture making enterprises would get to being  
being cast as the menace in the documents  
loss to themselves. They would tell the pic-  
ture makers to cheese that stuff. Thus we  
lose all these documents.

Now this is where the picture maker  
subtle. But so contriving the picture that  
make a little profit, they keep the capital-  
istic system quiet, even under a terrific ham-  
mer. As long as it gets a profit, the system is  
to take all kinds of punches and the pic-  
ture makers can go along with the subtle docu-  
ment and at the same time keep the system quiet  
until—well, until that certain day. We don't  
say much at the moment, but you can bet  
time is coming when there will be plat-  
grass for all.

It seems to us there is something beau-  
tiful in the picture makers of Hollywood  
speaking up for the underprivileged, though  
course we realize they are also fighting  
their own fight. They have felt the boot of the  
pressor. The last income tax returns made  
public by the treasury department showed  
salaries among the picture makers are as  
low as 200.00 a year. Many of them  
have had to be curtailed. The capitalistic  
is extremely ruthless. But as they fight  
themselves, the picture makers also fight  
millions of others.

THE screen, in our opinion, is the ideal  
medium for disclosing through stirring  
ments the human misery in the world.  
Frightful living conditions, and man's  
mainly, to him. These things are some-  
times touched on in books, but by newspaper  
public speakers, but we feel these ag-  
lack the vividness of the screen with  
class Hollywood actors playing the hun-  
gry and gaunt.

These Hollywood actors can act parts of  
nature with real feeling because they, too,  
felt the inequities of the capitalistic system.  
stipend of the Hollywood actor has gone  
to where a lady of the screen was only  
on the list of high wage earners in the U.  
States, according to the treasury depart-  
ment. We have mentioned above. Many  
are down in the dirt-figure bracket. Even  
grass is out of the question for them.

IT is to be regretted that in their striv-  
ing to show the evils of capitalism, the pic-  
ture makers have not been able to reveal the  
present, but the answer might enrage a  
people. Picture makers must be discreet as  
subtle. While we do not care to disclo-  
much of their methods at this time, we  
report we have pointed out the reason  
of their documents, through Holly-  
premieres with the attending ladies and  
men appearing dripping with jewels and  
to view the depiction of human distress.

The subtlety lies in the contract, which  
the document all the more powerful. If  
people to think. Sometimes they think  
a little exaggeration in the effort to press  
the document, but we do not deem that  
of sufficient moment for criticism. The thing  
people must be aroused to the situation  
ever it may be, and if the simple truth  
the dramatic force to make the picture  
stirring and profitable, and especially for  
the picture makers have to use embellish-  
or the capitalistic system will be on their  
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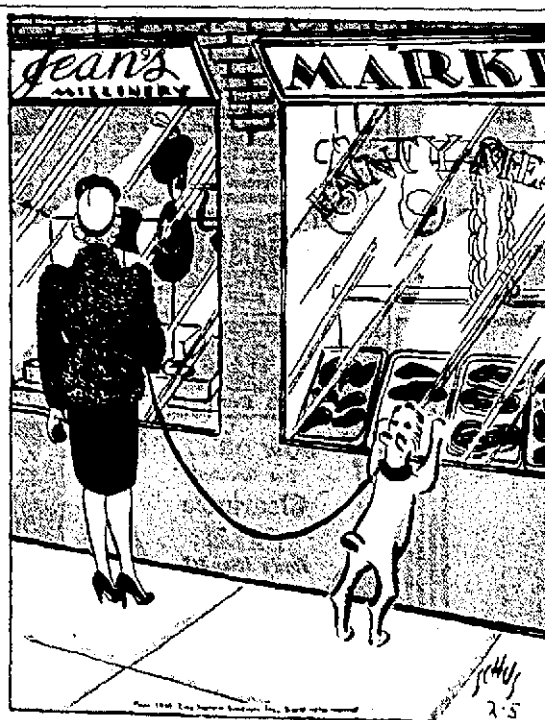
Education Via Radio  
By International News Service  
COLUMBUS, O.—Six Ohio State uni-  
versity courses are on the air this quarter over  
campus station, WOSU, for "stay-at-home  
legions."

Three of the winter quarter courses are  
and three continuations of courses offered  
quarter, according to W. Friel Heinrich, W.  
program director. All, he says, have been  
ranged in response to a listener survey show-  
ing the greatest present demand to be for  
English, sociology, American government and  
kindred subjects.

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its sixth year of such broadcasts. No credit  
is offered. Enrollment is free, and  
plementary materials are available on ap-  
plication to the university station.

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nesday and Thursdays at 1:15 p. m., empha-  
sizing every-day grammar.  
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room.  
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Wednesdays at 2 p. m., giving an acquaintance  
basic aspects of American government.  
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Friday, at 10:30 a. m.  
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remarks about composers and compositions.  
"For Homemakers," Tuesdays and Thurs-  
days at 9:30 a. m., discussing problems of the  
maker.

MAY COME LATER.  
It's a surprising thing some food manu-  
facturers haven't come out with an alphabet so-  
take care of all vitamin requirements.  
(Mo.) Globe.



















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**Chicago**

**CHICAGO, Feb. 5**—Sizable hoards of hogs, 100,000, steady to 100,000, lower than Friday's average; going very slow on weights above 250 lbs., some bids of more; top 4.50; good to choice 1.50-2.00; 2.00-2.50; 2.50-3.00; 3.00-3.50; 3.50-4.00; 4.00-4.50; 4.50-5.00; 5.00-5.50; 5.50-6.00; 6.00-6.50; 6.50-7.00; 7.00-7.50; 7.50-8.00; 8.00-8.50; 8.50-9.00; 9.00-9.50; 9.50-10.00; 10.00-10.50; 10.50-11.00; 11.00-11.50; 11.50-12.00; 12.00-12.50; 12.50-13.00; 13.00-13.50; 13.50-14.00; 14.00-14.50; 14.50-15.00; 15.00-15.50; 15.50-16.00; 16.00-16.50; 16.50-17.00; 17.00-17.50; 17.50-18.00; 18.00-18.50; 18.50-19.00; 19.00-19.50; 19.50-20.00; 20.00-20.50; 20.50-21.00; 21.00-21.50; 21.50-22.00; 22.00-22.50; 22.50-23.00; 23.00-23.50; 23.50-24.00; 24.00-24.50; 24.50-25.00; 25.00-25.50; 25.50-26.00; 26.00-26.50; 26.50-27.00; 27.00-27.50; 27.50-28.00; 28.00-28.50; 28.50-29.00; 29.00-29.50; 29.50-30.00; 30.00-30.50; 30.50-31.00; 31.00-31.50; 31.50-32.00; 32.00-32.50; 32.50-33.00; 33.00-33.50; 33.50-34.00; 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## The Stars Say—

For Tuesday, Feb 6

This auguries for this day point to cry definite and persistent obstacles with deep-seated opposition and hostility. Indulgence in fury and unrestricted impulsiveness may fan the fiery flame and precipitate a devastating holocaust. But a firm grip on inclinations to violence and passion with tact, diplomacy and strategem, may combine to avert disaster. The danger is from strife contention and litigation. Make any change prudently.

Those whose birthday it is are confronted by a year in which any sort of gain and satisfaction must be wrested from a state of hostility, fiery opposition, deep-seated impediments

and a generally turbulent and malignant state of affairs. To meet violence with violence, and passion with strife, could be calamitous and probably end in fruitless litigation. Reserve, restraint and finesse even intrigue may win the day.

A child born on this day may be bold and enterprising but tempestuous, reckless and ungoverned in temper and speech thereby meeting violent opposition, hate and litigation.

## CHAMP IN OBSCURITY

By United Press

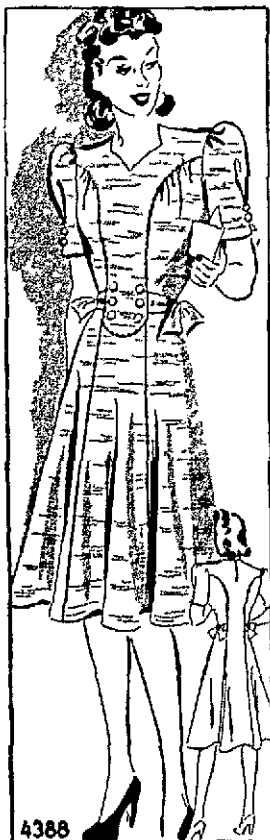
GENEVA N. Y.—Charles Hoffman, former bantam weight champion of America, is living in obscurity in a small flat in Geneva's business section. The 60-year-old former champion lives to recall incidents of the early days of the boxing profession.

## Daily Pattern for Home Use

BY ANNE ADAMS

FROCK HAS NOVEL FRONT PANELS

PATTERN 4388



There's nothing like a bright new dress to put you in the proper frame of mind for Spring. Anne Adams' Pattern 4388, lovely in any linen or shantung, brims over with delightful novelties. See how the princess-effect seams are curved at the top in a graceful red-in-the-breeze effect. The front panel of the bodice ends in a curved seam and may be trimmed at the waist with gay buttons. Use an all-around belt or smart side ties. And notice the squared-V neckline and nice sleeves. For a daintily effective touch, make the front panel of the bodice, and perhaps the front skirt panel too, in bold contrast.

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## Just Kids

By Ad Carter



## Today's Cross Word Puzzle

**Solution of Saturday's Puzzle**

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**ACROSS**

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## Tim Tyler



## Thimble Theater



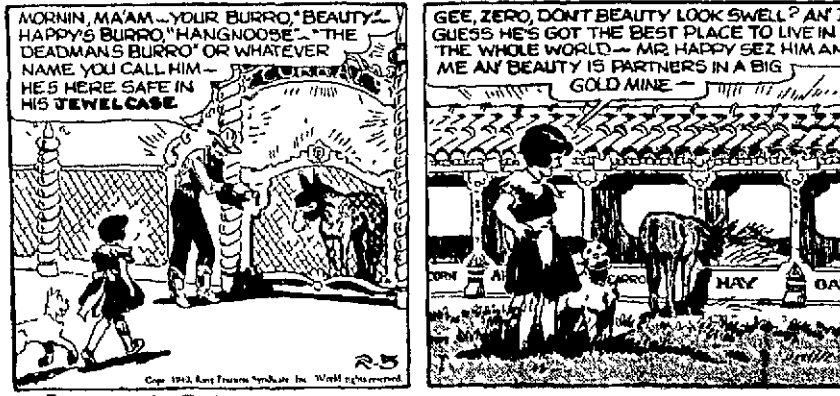
## Tillie the Toiler



## Toots and Casper



## Annie Rooney



## Bringing Up Father



## Polly and Her Pals

